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Office Action Summary

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-9,12-15 and 19-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4-9, 12-15 and 19-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: application, filed on 01/26/1999; Priority filed on 01/26/1999; Preliminary Amendment A, filed on 03/22/1999; Amendment B, filed on 05/03/2001; Amendment C, filed on 01/16/2002; Amendment D, filed on 05/15/2002; Preliminary Amendment E, filed on 12/09/2002.
2. Claims 1, 4-9, 12-16 and 19-22 are pending in the case. Claims 1, 9 and 16 are independent claims. Claims 1, 9 and 16 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 10, 11, 17, 18 and 23-26 have been canceled.
3. The present title of the application is "Information Displaying System, Information Providing Apparatus, and Information Providing Method" (as originally filed).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. Claim 1, 4-9, 12-15 and 19-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claims that are listed above as being rejected but not specifically discussed are rejected based upon dependency of a rejected independent claim and incorporating all the errors therein.

Claim 1. 9 and 16 recite the limitation of a correspondence determination section.
Examiner finds insufficient support in the specification for the claimed feature.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1, 4-9, 12-15 and 19-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunworth et al., U.S. Patent Number 5,930,474, "Internet Organizer for Accessing Geographically and Topically Based Information", class 395/200.47.

An per independent claim 1, **an information displaying system including a server apparatus . . . comprising: information displaying means . . . ; Dunworth et al. discloses, col. 19, lines 46-57; display commanding means . . . ; Dunworth et al., col. 18, lines 60-67; first data storing means for storing map drawing element data . . . ; Dunworth et al. discloses image map file, col. 13, lines 7-19; second data storing means for storing said geographical location corresponding to contents displayed . . . ; third data storing means for storing advertisement data and second attribute information; Dunworth et al. discloses a geography database and a geographical search engine, col. 18, lines 39-54; and map drawing command means . . . for searching said first data storing means to draw said map corresponding to said geographic location . . . in accordance with a command received from said**

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map drawing commanding means . . . Dunworth et al. discloses in figures 2B, 5 and figure 14, element 1430.

However, it is noted that Dunworth fails to disclose an identification code per se. Dunworth discloses in col. 1, lines 47-51, information exchanged over the Internet is often encoded to define document content information and other sites on the Internet. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that said encoding of content information would constitute an identification code.

With respect to dependent claim 4, . . . **said second attribute information is a business category of said advertisement.** Dunworth et al. discloses in figure 14, element 1430.

With respect to dependent claim 5, . . . **said second attribute information is location information of said advertisement.** Dunworth et al. discloses in figure 13, element 1315.

With respect to dependent claim 6, . . . **said second attribute information is time information of said advertisement.** Dunworth et al. discloses configuring the yellow page configuration database to include information contained in a URL preface, col. 21, lines 43-57.

With respect to dependent claim 7, . . . **said second attribute information stored in said third data storing means is composed of: contents of said advertisement; geographical location information of said advertisement; a business category of said advertisement; and an effective period of said**

advertisement. Dunworth et al. discloses in col. 20, lines 45-65 and in col. 21, lines 43-57.

With respect to dependent claim 8, . . . **display commanding means includes linking means for linking said map drawing commanding means and said advertisement display commanding means.** Dunworth et al. discloses in col. 21, lines 48-49.

As per independent claims 9 and 16 and dependent claims 12-15 and 19-22 respectively, they are rejected based upon similar rational as above independent claim 1 and dependent claims 4-7 respectively.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 12/09/2002 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Dunworth et al. fails to disclose an advertisement being displayed with a map selected by a user after a correspondence between first attribute information and second attribute information by a correspondence determination section. Dunworth discloses integrating geographically organized information with topical information, col. 2, lines 50-58. Dunworth further discloses accessing information relating to particular companies once it is determined the user has selected a topic for viewing as the system accesses a yellow pages database, thus providing determining means and a correspondence, col. 9, lines 55-67. It would have been

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obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that advertisements would constitute information relating to a particular company.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Motilewa A. Good-Johnson whose telephone number is (703) 305-3939. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mike Razavi can be reached on (703) 305-4713. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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